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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of SHIGERU TANAKA and Shigeki MORISAWA
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING A LIFE-SPAN OF A
CUTTER

Assignee: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.

Our Ref. Q64671

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including twenty-one (21) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and ten (10) sheets of drawings. **The requisite U.S. Government Filing Fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>21</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>1</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$18.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>4</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>1</u>	x	\$80.00	=	<u>\$80.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$710.00</u>
TOTAL FEE									<u>\$808.00</u>

Priority is claimed from July 21, 2000 based on Japanese Application No. 2000-220786. The priority document(s) are enclosed herewith.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on Saturday, July 21, 2001, the filing of this application on Monday, July 23, 2001, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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